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CABINET REORGANIZATION

PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT GAVE AN INFORMAL NEWS CON-
FERENCE AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE AUGUST 26. THE FOLLOWING IS
AN INFORMAL USIS TRANSLATION OF KHUKRIT'S REMARKS PER-
TAINING TO COUP RUMORS AND A CABINET REORGANIZATION.

BEGIN EXCERPTS:

REPORTER: COULD IT BE THAT SOME GROUPS OF PEOPLE ARE
PLANNING TO STAGE A REVOLUTION BECAUSE THEY HAVE
REACHED THE END OF ALL ENDURANCE?

KHUKRIT: WHAT CAN THEY NOT ENDURE?

REPORTER: DEMANDS AND APPEALS FOR JUSTICE IN VARIOUS
MATTERS. THE SITUATION IS CHAOTIC AND UNQUIET.

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KHUKRIT: I DON'T KNOW. I'M NOT A MEMBER OF THAT GROUP.

REPORTER: DO YOU FEEL WORRIED OVER VARIOUS INCIDENTS?

KHUKRIT: WHAT INCIDENTS?

REPORTER: OVER DEMANDS MADE, AND THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY AND ASSETS.

KHUKRIT: EVERYTHING HAS BEEN SOLVED AND ORDER HAS BEEN RESTORED. PEOPLE CAN WALK IN PUBLIC STREETS; THEY ARE GOING TO MOVIES, AND THEY ARE GOING SHOPPING NORMALLY.

REPORTER: HAVE YOU ANY PLAN TO REORGANIZE THE CABINET BEFORE THE BUDGET BILL IS PASSED IN ALL STAGES?

KHUKRIT: I HAVE NO SUCH PLAN.

REPORTER: HAVEN'T YOU ANY SUCH THOUGHT IN MIND?

KHUKRIT: NO.
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